

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
March 13, 2006

1. Professor Michael Lastinger, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Member Present:

Ameri, S.	Dillis, C.	Kershner, R.	Nath, C.	Sand-Jecklin, K.
Atkins, C.	Dixon, S.	Kite, S.	Nutter, R.	Selin, S.
Bilgesu, I.	Gerbo, R.	Kuhlman, J.	Outterson, K.	Steranka, P.
Bowen, R.	Griffith, R.	LaGodna, B.	Peace, G.	Stolzenberg, A.
Branch, D.	Held, J.	Lastinger, M.	Perry, J.	Tauger, M.
Brown, G.	Hill, R.	Long, K.	Petronis, J.	Temple, J.
Bryner, R.	Hornak, L.	Mancinelli, C.	Price, S.	Walker, E.
Burton, J.	Hornsby, G.	Mays, M.	Putman, H.	Weihman, L.
Campbell, L.	Howard, S.	McDiarmid, M.	Riemenschneider, S.	Woloshuk, J.
Canfield, P.	Jackowitz, A.	Miller, M.	Royall, B.	
Culberson, J.	Johnson, D.	Mullett, C.	Ruscello, D.	

Members Absent:

Abbott, J.	D'Souza, G.	Iskander, W.	Napolitano, M.	Shambaugh, N.
Almond, C.	Dedhia, H.	Jackson, K.	Nelson, C.	Stockdale, T.
Behling, R.	Douglas, W.	Janson, D.	Nuss, M.	Townsend, C.
Bergner, G.	Elmore, S.	Kleist, V.	Ogershok, P.	Ullrich, I.
Brooks, R.	Etzel, E.	Latimer, M.	Olson, K.	Valentine, S.
Brown, P.	Garbutt, K.	Lively, M.	Panaccione, D.	Verlinden, S.
Bryan, W.	Gladwin, M.	Mandich, M.	Richards, A.	Voelker, J.
Clark, N.	Graeber, J.	McCutcheon, T.	Riley, W.	Wilcox, G.
Cohen, S.	Grose, K.	McNerney, K.	Robbins, J.	Wilkinson, C.
Cook, L.	Harris, B.	Morgan, D.	Rosen, C.	Wilson, R.
Cottrell, L.	Hoey, J.	Mutz, C.	Sedgeman, J.	Wright, F.
Cumming, J.	Hurst, M.	Myers, T.	Sexstone, A.	Yeater, R.

2. Provost Lang briefly reported on the 2006 WV Legislative session which ended on Saturday. He has not yet seen the text of all legislation passed during the session. One item of note involves WVU Institute of Technology becoming a division of WVU, effective July 1, 2007. In response to faculty questions, the Provost emphasized that WVU cannot assume Tech's capital debt, although money may be loaned to the campus. Salaries and raises for faculty will be based on performance related to the mission of WVU-IT. The bill to provide the annual increment for faculty passed; however, it is unknown if the funding will be made available or if it is another unfunded mandate. The Promise Scholarship will remain as it is. However, institutions are limited to an average 7.5% annual tuition and fee increase for a 4-year rolling period, lowered from 9.95%. WVU has completed the first round of salary enhancement for continued academic achievement of faculty at the level of professor or its equivalent. 75% of those eligible applied; 100% of those who applied were approved, representing a commitment of \$600,000.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Professor Lastinger welcomed guests: Christine Martin, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Maryanne Reed, Dean of the Perley Isaac School of Journalism, Bob Roberts, Director of Public Safety, and City Manager Dan Boroff. In the legislative area, Professor Lastinger reported that the bill to put faculty senates on par with the ACF was not passed, although it did cause some discussion. He commended Shepherd University professor Sylvia Shurbutt, chair of the ACF, on her success with the passage of an annual increment for faculty. Professor Lastinger suggested that it may be time for another review of the faculty senate membership. Committees have begun to submit reports on their work for the year.
5. Morgantown City Manager, Dan Boroff, gave a report about issues and challenges in Morgantown. There has been a steady growth in the GDP over that past few years. However, the increase in population because of economic growth has exacerbated the already over-taxed transportation infrastructure. The state recognizes our challenges but has not allocated any funds to improve the situation. SB 763 gives the area an opportunity to institute a user fee which could be used for infrastructure improvements. The fee needs to be approved by community vote. Another perpetual issue is storm water and drainage. There is no comprehensive zoning law for the county. Planning districts are a partial solution to this problem. Combining the four area governments and/or their services is being explored. In response to a question about municipal air service, Mr. Boroff reported that as of May 1, service connected with Continental Airlines will be in place to Cleveland. DC flights may be added later.
6. Chris Martin, Maryanne Reed and Bob Roberts reported on the April visit of members from the Westboro Baptist Church.
7. Professor Lastinger explained the meaning of a consent agenda and how it works. A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented (Annex II and III). A question about discrepancies in the way a course was listed on the GEC report and in the catalog prompted removal of EDUC 200 until the title can be verified. Motion carried.
8. Associate Provost Torsney presented the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar for approval. Motion carried.
9. A list of the Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel was presented for information.
10. New Business: Professor Lastinger presented a request from the ACF, involving a memo to be sent to Dr. Flack regarding selection of peer institutions. It was moved to approve the document to agree with fairness, transparency and reasonableness without naming the specific professional organization. Motion carried.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene Monday, April 10, 2006

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary